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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW
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Re: Appeal of the Final Determination Regarding the Consolidation of the North Platte
Platte Main Post Office Located at 300 E Third Street, North Platte, NE with the
United States Postal Service Processing Facility located at 1302 Industrial Avenue

Dear Postal Regulatory Commission:

The City of North Platte, Nebraska wishes to appeal the decision by the United States Postal Service to consolidate the North Platte main post office located at 300 E Third Street in North Platte, Nebraska with the United States Postal Service Processing Facility located at 1302 Industrial Avenue in North Platte, Nebraska.

The United States Postal Service characterizes their action as a relocation. The City of North Platte and its citizens point out that § 241.4 of Chapter 39 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires postal representatives responsible for a relocation project to attend or conduct one or more public hearings to describe the project to the community, invite questions, solicit written comment, and describe the process by which community input will be considered. The City's position is that the United States Postal Service has not satisfied the requirements of § 39 C.F.R. 241.4 in that, though the United States Postal Service has made a presentation to the North Platte City Council, the Postal Service has not attended or conducted one or more public hearings to describe their project to the community of North Platte, invite questions, solicit written comment, and describe the process by which community input from the citizens of North Platte will be considered.

The City of North Platte additionally points out that 39 C.F.R. § 241.4(c)(1)(ii) requires that United States postal representatives responsible for relocation of postal facilities first attempt to find an existing building in the same area as the current facility when a need to relocate is identified. The City of North Platte feels that the Postal Service failed to satisfy this requirement.

The City of North Platte characterizes the action of the United States Postal Services as a consolidation. 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(2) requires the Postal Services, in connection with a consolidation, to consider:

- (i) The effect of such closing or consolidation on the community served by such post office;
- (ii) The effect of such closing or consolidation on employees of the Postal Service employed at such office;
- (iii) Whether such closing or consolidation is consistent with the policy of the Government, as stated in § 101(b) of this Title, that the Postal Service shall provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to rural areas, communities, and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining;
- (iv) The economic savings to the Postal Service resulting from such closing or consolidation; and
- (v) Such other factors as the Postal Service determines are necessary...

In addition, 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(3) provides that any determination of the Postal Service to close or consolidate a post office shall be in writing and shall include the findings of the Postal Service with respect to the considerations required to be made under paragraph (2). . .

The City of North Platte submits the Postal Service has not satisfied the requirements of 39 U.S.C. § 404.

The City of North Platte, its representatives, and citizens also feel strongly that the project proposed by the United States Postal Service to consolidate postal services in the City of North Platte will result in great inconvenience to the people of the City of North Platte and will seriously diminish use by the public of the facilities of the United States Postal Service in North Platte, Nebraska.

The City of North Platte wishes to appeal the determination of the United States Postal Service to consolidate the retail services of the North Platte main post office located at 300 E Third Street in North Platte, Nebraska with the processing facility located at 1302 Industrial Avenue in North Platte, Nebraska.

The services of the United States Postal Service are very important to the City of North Platte and we wish to continue that relationship.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Livingston
Mayor, City of North Platte

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